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## House of Representatives

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Chairman Howard Berman  
U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs  
2170 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Berman,

Due to recent facts that have come to light regarding the prisoner-transfer agreement of Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi, we would like to request an immediate investigation of the circumstances surrounding this release by the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

As you know, Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi is the only person ever convicted for the 1988 Lockerbie airliner bombing over Scotland. This mass murder resulted in the deaths of 270 individuals, including 189 American citizens. In August of last year, the Scottish courts ruled to release Mr. Megrahi after doctors advised the government that he was likely to die within months of prostate cancer. However, today this terrorist remains alive and well in Libya.

It has recently come to light that there are indications BP lobbied the British government for al-Megrahi's inclusion in a prisoner transfer agreement with Libya in order to facilitate their \$900 million oil-and-gas exploration deal off Libya's coast. Former British Justice minister, Jack Straw, has admitted that the BP deal was a consideration in his review of the case. It is also alleged that both the British and U.S. government were in contact with Scottish officials overseeing al-Megrahi's release. British officials indicated that his release would be beneficial to British commercial interests while American officials neglected to offer clear and unambiguous opposition to any release or transfer of the prisoner.

The prospect that a corporation successfully lobbied the British government to release a convicted mass murderer in order to secure commercial interests is an affront to justice and the rule of law. The House Foreign Affairs Committee owes it to the 189 Americans killed in this terrorist attack to immediately launch a full investigation into this matter.

Sincerely,

TED POE  
Member of Congress (TX-02)

MICHAEL McCAUL  
Member of Congress (TX-10)

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BOB INGLIS  
Member of Congress (SC-04)

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DAN BURTON  
Member of Congress (IN-05)

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

JOE WILSON  
Member of Congress (SC-02)